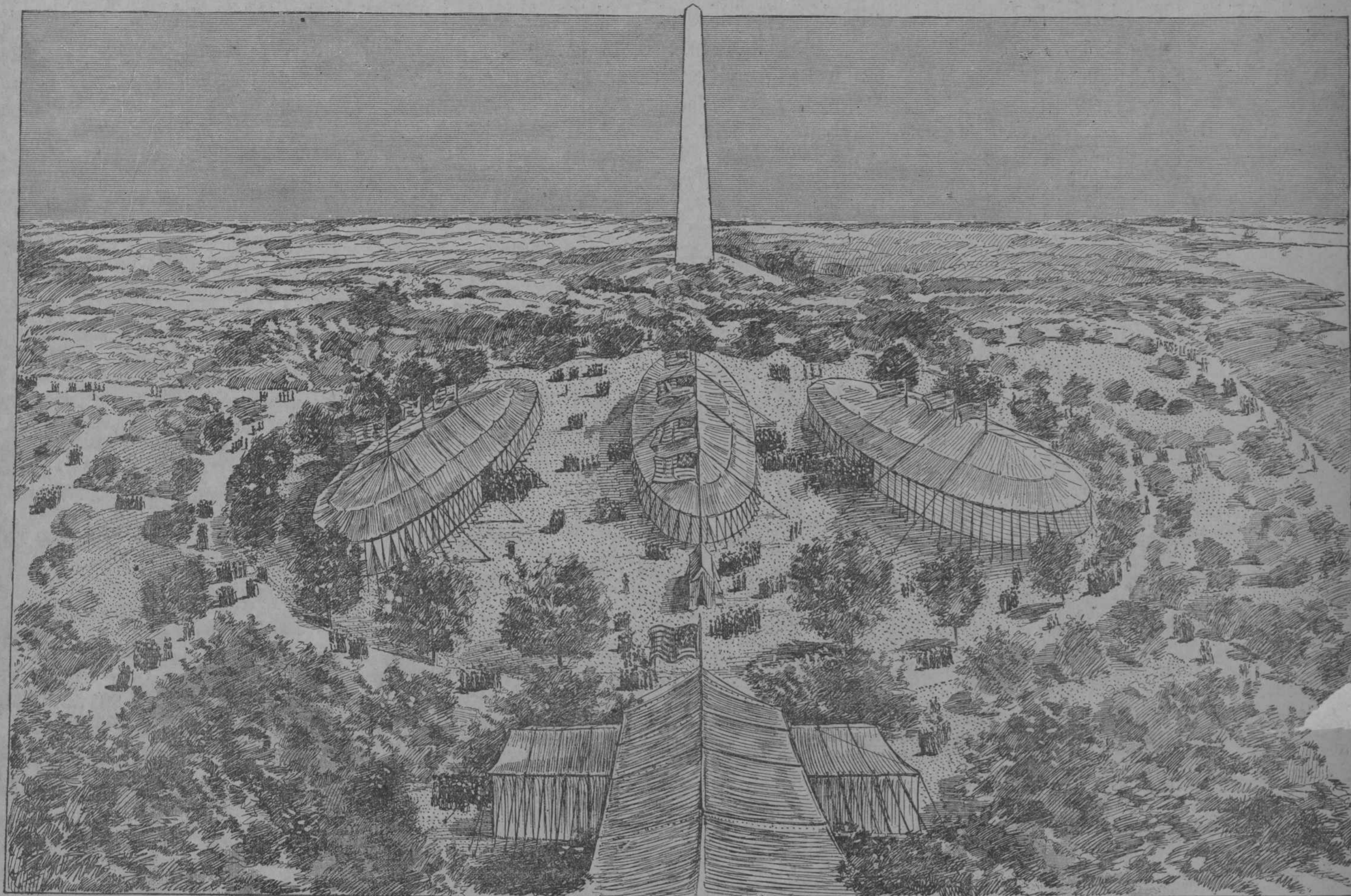


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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ENCAMPMENT IN THE PARK BACK OF THE WHITE HOUSE AT WASHINGTON.

PRESIDENT CLARK ON CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The Founder of the Society Writes of Its Objects and Purposes, and Explains What It Stands For.

Time is a good schoolmaster. To the attentive scholar he teaches many rich lessons.

In his school there are special branches of study, as in all educational life.

Some of us have been learning lessons along particular lines, becoming in a degree specialists, as it were. For fifteen years past my study has been largely devoted to the religious movement among young people.

And as you have asked me to-day to name a few of the lessons that I have learned in my connection with the Christian Endeavor Society, I take pleasure in noting a few that are to me most apparent.

Even the most heedless person could not but observe, first of all, that this marvelous uprising, that within fifteen years has seen millions of young people brought out into religious life and work, is of more than man's doing. I frankly state that I believe it impossible for any one man to call into existence a society that within a decade could girdle the world, wielding a powerful influence among the religious life of all nations.

Christian Endeavor exists to-day because the time had come for such a movement. It did not come into being prematurely, as might have been the case had any man been responsible for its organization. It did not come too late.

Just now, at this peculiar period of the history of the Church and the world, this mighty factor in the solution of the problems of the day was brought into existence. That is the first Christian Endeavor les-

son that I have learned in the school of the years.

Young men are mighty. Young women are capable.

This is Christian Endeavor's second teaching. For generations and centuries the Church has coddled and pampered and nursed its young people, ever fearful lest they should be drawn away from its influence or driven out from its fold. Christian Endeavor has revolutionized this.

It has made youth strong and upright by placing on its shoulders heavy burdens. The greatest works of the Church have not been too great for it to undertake. The most puzzling problems of the day have not baffled its will or skill.

The Christian Endeavor Society has appealed to all that is heroic in the young men and the young women of our church. It was said of Napoleon that he appealed to the Napoleonism of his troops, and in this spirit conquered the world.

So Christian Endeavor appeals to the deepest, the noblest, the most heroic sentiments in the life of youth, and bids them to be "strong in the Lord."

It bids them be manly men and womanly women. It bids them be capable, be brave and be bold. It has taught them that there is no need of apologizing for Christianity. It has taught them that the young people can go before the world as they do in their great conventions and in their daily lives and be proud of the fact that they are Christians, summoning the whole world to bear witness to the fact that they count Jesus Christ and his religion the most important factors in their lives. This has been no small lesson that Christian Endeavor has taught me and the rest of the world.

Again, and akin to the preceding, is the truth demonstrated by Christian Endeavor that the purely religious idea can exert a higher influence over young people than

any other force. Since God said "Let there be light" there has been no organization that has grown with the rapidity or to the extent of the Christian Endeavor Society.

Even the Christian Church itself did not make the progress that has been made by Christian Endeavor. Of course, it must be added that Christian Endeavor is a child of the Church and that all the agencies of religious organization have been enlisted in its propagation.

Why do I make these seemingly boastful statements? Merely to emphasize the truth that pure religion and unadorned has more drawing power to bright young men and young women than any social, literary or political attraction.

The host that is marshalled at Washington this week represents this one idea—personal religion. Christian Endeavor does not stand pre-eminently for good citizen-

ship, nor for fellowship, nor even for missionary advancement.

It represents first and foremost the desire for a spiritual life on the part of each individual signer of the Christian Endeavor pledge. This has been one of the mighty lessons of the years—a lesson that we have been all these centuries in learning—that there is nothing so beautiful, nothing so attractive, nothing so winsome in the eyes of the young people as the religion of Jesus Christ.

I would be a dull scholar, too, did I not learn the lesson of fellowship among Christian denominations that has been taught by the Christian Endeavor Society. A generation ago Christians of various beliefs looked askance at one another, each suspicious and each fearful.

But the young people's movement has come upon the scene with a brand new word, interdenomination—a word that it

has not only introduced to the dictionary, but more important than that, to the Christian world at large. It has proved that one can be loyal to his own denomination and at the same time loyal to the great truth of Christian brotherhood—that there can be the heartiest of fellowship and at the same time full denominational strength and faithfulness.

Fidelity and fellowship are Christian Endeavor watchwords that have come to us as one of the lessons of the years.

These are the principal teachings of the past. As we look to the future we see promise of still greater things.

The part that Christian Endeavor is to have in the solution of the problems that confront us none can tell. We rest content in the knowledge that no man ever will control. As it has been led successfully in the past, so it will be led successfully in the future.

FRANCIS E. CLARK.

NEW SONGS AND HYMNS OF ENDEAVORERS.

Why This Convention Has Been Musically the Most Notable in the History of the Society.

Quite as important as the prayer and the testimonies at the Christian Endeavor meetings are the songs. The societies have melodies that are all their own.

They have a special hymnal. The society encourages by its example congregational singing.

Special music is composed for each annual gathering. The invocation hymn for 1896 written by Colonel John Hay is printed in another column.

During the Endeavor week at Washington the visitors were much given to marching over the boulevards to the familiar strains of what is perhaps the official hymn of the movement:

"Onward, Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
Looking unto Jesus,
Who is gone before;
Christ the Royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See His banners go."

"Loyal Soldiers" is the title of a tuneful addition to the list of Christian Endeavor music, dedicated to the present gathering. The words are by John D. Morgan, the music by Percy S. Foster, of Washington. The song is sung in march time and its success was instantaneous. The first verse is as follows:

"True in heart and loyal we are ever
To our Lord and Master in each day's endeavor;
True in thought, in deed, in word and purpose
To our Lord and King,
Help us, Jesus, day by day, to be true to Thee.
To live all for Thee,
Guide our steps in life's bright way,
Hear us, Saviour King.
Soldiers loyal serving Christ our leader;
We will never falter, we will never waver,
Help us e'er stand firm for Thee,
Saviour, Lord and King."

Im D. Sankey, the basso singer, who, with the evangelist Moody, conducted the most impressive series of revival services ever held in this or any other country, wrote a new song for Endeavor week of

1896. It was sung at all the services in the big tents. It is called "Words of Cheer," and a sample verse is this:

"We come to-day from near and far,
The light of hope our guiding star;
In Jesus' name we gather here
For strength and words of cheer."

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"O, wondrous words, sweet words of cheer,
That Jesus speaks in tones so clear:
Still may they grow to me more dear,
While gathered in his name."
The home folks at Washington had chorus of 4,000 voices to sing songs of welcome to their guests. Carlton Hughes has written a hymn of welcome, which was sung to the tune of "America." Little all with the words were freely distributed as the lines became familiar during the week.

"To all who love the Lord,
Resting upon his word,
Welcome we bring.
In Christian charity,
Freely we offer thee,
Love in its sanctity,
As now we sing."

"One glad united band,
Be quick with heart and hand,
For Christ to do,
Search for the strayed and lost,
Rescue the tempest-tossed,
Save men at any cost,
To God be true."

"Since the Christian Endeavor people began to feel their strength they have gone in very strong for their missionary contributions. By a tacit agreement everybody stands up and sings "Speed Away" while the hat is being carried around.

As the coins fall into the basket the Endeavorers sing, as a benediction to each other:

"Speed away, speed away on your mission,
Of light,
To the lands that are lying in darkness and night,
To the Master's command, go forth in His name.
The wonderful gospel of Jesus proclaim.
Take your lives in your hand; to the work while 'tis day,
Speed away speed away, speed away."

This hymn is known as "The Missionary Hymn." In its effects on an assemblage it ranks only next to "Coronation."

From a musical standpoint the Washington convention exceeded any in the previous history of the society.



Rev. Francis E. Clark and Family.